

New DCST-Iraq Commander Visits DDC

The next Commander of the DLA Contingency Support Team Iraq (DCST-Iraq), LtCol Stephen Grozinski, USMC, visited DDC May 19, 2004. Currently the DLA National Account Manager for the Marine Corps, LtCol Grozinski will deploy later this summer.

LtCol Grozinski received the DDC and Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna,

PA (DDSP) Command Briefs, an update on DDC's Strategic Plans, a demonstration of the DLA Call Center capabilities from the New Cumberland site, and toured DDSP's Eastern Distribution Center (EDC). His primary area of interest was the various kitting programs that DDC provides to the Warfighter.



Spain Ministry of Defense Representatives Visit Defense Distribution Center

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On May 27, 2004, members of the Spanish Army, Ministry of Defense, Madrid, Spain visited the Defense Distribution Center (DDC), New Cumberland, PA.

The representatives, specialists in the fields of supply and maintenance, were on

that we can take ideas to the table upon return to Spain."

DDC Public Affairs Officer, Stacy Umstead, provided the visitors with a briefing on DDC's history and how the DDC was able to integrate best practices, policies and procedures of all services in order to provide logistical support to the Warfighter. "Prior to 1991, distribution was very stove-piped among the services. There was no cross-talk between the distribution systems of the U.S. Army, Marines, Navy, and Air Force. DLA was tasked with the receipt, store, and issue of all defense items.

you will see how the DDC has evolved into a world-wide distribution network focusing on the joint Warfighter." Umstead continued the brief highlighting DDC distribution initiatives such as stock positioning, pure pallet building and use of dedicated truck.

After the briefing, the representatives were provided an overview of the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pennsylvania (DDSP), and toured the Eastern Distribution Center (EDC) where they observed the Air Line of Communication Pallet Build area, Walk and Pick, High Rise Storage, and Consolidation and Containerization Point. Spanish Army Lt. Col. Luis Fernando Gomez De Miguel impressed with the work being done at DDC said, "I commend DDC's dedication to the customer and the tailored logistics provided to your customers. Great visit!"



site at New Cumberland to learn how DDC provides distribution support to all branches of the military. Spanish Liaison Officer and official escort for the representatives, United States Army, Lt. Col. Jaime Bonano, said, "Currently, each branch of Spain's military services provides logistical support to their own service, using their own distribution systems. We've heard of the successes the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) has had in providing full support to all branches of the services. We'd like to benchmark best practices so



Through the Defense Management Review Directive (DMRD) 902, DLA was also directed to: reduce cost, reduce infrastructure, and standardize distribution policies and procedures. As you hear the briefing today, and tour the largest distribution center,

